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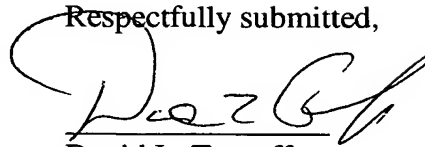
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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-41394 discloses a technology in which an information provider supplies information content or revision information for revising previously supplied information to an information distributor through the internet. An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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